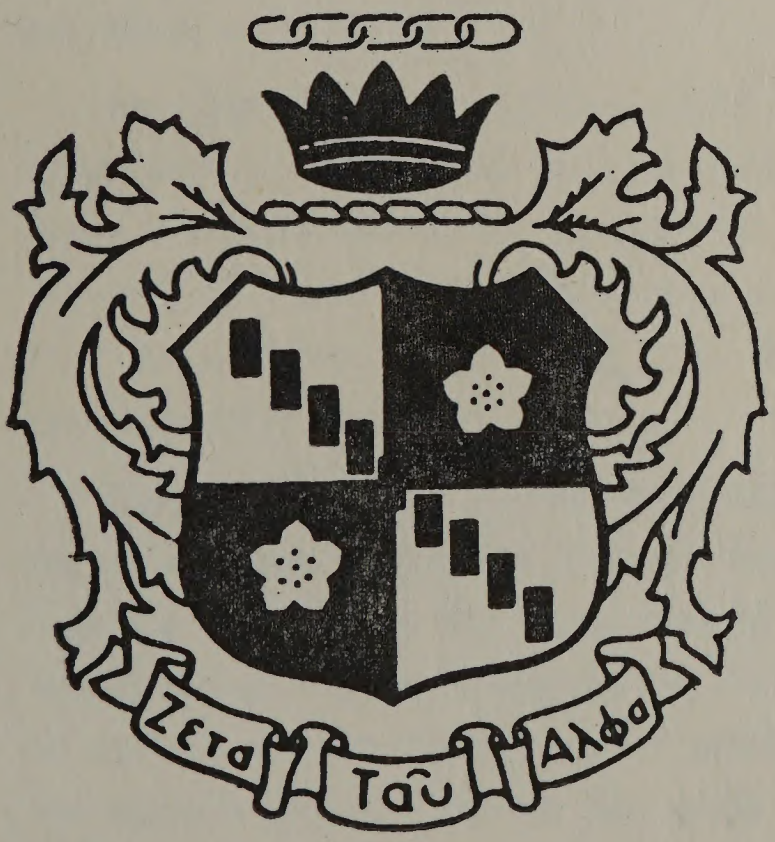

PANHELLENIC HANDBOOK

and
RUSHING
RULES

Centenary College of Louisiana

1966 - 1967

THE PANHELLENIC CREED

Adopted by N. P. C. in 1915

We, the fraternity undergraduate members, stand for good scholarship, for guarding of good health, for wholehearted cooperation with our college's ideals, for student life, for the maintenance of fine social standards, and for serving, to the best of our ability, our college community. Good college citizenship as a preparation for good citizenship in the larger world of alumnae days is the ideal that shall guide our chapter activities.

We, the fraternity alumnae members, stand for the active, sympathetic interest in the life of our undergraduate sisters, for the loyal support of the ideals of our Alma Mater, for the encouragement of high scholarship, for the maintenance of healthful physical conditions in chapter house and dormitory, and for using our influence to further the best standards for the education of the young women of America. Loyal service to chapter, college and community is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, the fraternity officers, shall stand for loyal and earnest work for the realization of these fraternity standards. Cooperation for maintenance of fraternity life in harmony with its best possibilities is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, the fraternity women of America, stand for preparation for service through the character building inspired in the close contact and deep friendship of fraternity life. To us, fraternity life is not the enjoyment of special privileges, but an opportunity to prepare for wide and wise human service.

CENTENARY PANHELLENIC HANDBOOK

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Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Centenary Rushee:

Panhellenic, as represented by the Greek sororities here, embodies the highest precepts to be found among student organizations.

Having the advantage of close association with all three sororities during rush and throughout the school year, I know them to be exemplary in purpose and behavior.

Rush Week is an opportunity for you to meet the girls personally while enjoying an exciting fun-filled five days. And if pledging is the end result, you may be certain of joining forces with a group most worthy of your loyalty and devotion.

Wishing each of you "Happy Rush"—

Yours,
Shirley B. Rawlinson
Dean of Women

Dear Prospective Rushee:

A warm welcome awaits you at Centenary College. The general friendliness of the entire college campus finds fulfillment in our three Greek sororities. Participating in formal rush will enable you to get a better view of our life, as seen in our activities, our striving for high scholarship, and by meeting individually many of your future friends. We encourage you to plan on attending Rush, because we feel that we have much to offer you and because it will give you a great opportunity to meet people and to have fun.

The benefits which belonging to a national sorority will bring you are truly enriching and satisfying. The week of Rush will be your opportunity to select the group of girls which seems best for you.

I really hope that Rush will be the beginning of a rewarding college experience for you.

Sincerely,
Patty Burnap
President,
Panhellenic Association

What Is Panhellenic?

Panhellenic is one of the first names with which a rushee becomes familiar. It is derived from the Greek "Pan" (all), and "Hellenic" (Greek) — thus the Panhellenic Association is an organization composed of all the women who are active members of fraternities on the Centenary campus. The Panhellenic Council at Centenary, which is the executive body of the Association, is made up of four delegates plus one alumnae delegate from each of the three fraternities and the governing body of the fraternities.

It promotes good feeling and cooperation between the Greek-letter organizations, furthers intellectual accomplishments of fraternities, seeks to unify the interests of fraternity and non-fraternity women, makes and enforces rushing regulations and governs the pledging of women students.

The Panhellenic Council meets twice each month to discuss common interests of fraternity standards, scholarships, campus activities and inter-fraternity functions. The officers of the Centenary Panhellenic Council are:

President:	Patty Burnap
Vice-President:	Joy Anderson
Secretary-Treasurer:	Gayle Boucher
Student Senate: Representative:	Lynda Douglass

Members:

Alpha Xi Delta

Ginger Rodgers
Joy Anderson
Susan Briggs
Morey McGonigle

Chi Omega:

Lolly Tindol
Sherry Leopard
Patty Burnap
Janelle McCammon

Zeta Tau Alpha:

Sarah Smith
Lynda Douglass
Adell Baillif
Gayle Boucher

What Is Rush?

At the beginning of each school year, the women's fraternities have a period called "formal rush". The dates and the schedule are listed on the last page of this booklet. It is a period when the groups entertain girls who are eligible to pledge so they can become acquainted with them. During this period each fraternity is bound by its sense of honor and fair play to give each rushee a chance to make up her own mind. Likewise each rushee is under obligation to observe the spirit of rush in order to make the right decision.

Eligibility for Rush

To be eligible for rush, it is necessary for all students to have an overall 'C" average. This average is figured on the basis of work in the following courses: Social Studies, Science, Mathematics, English and Foreign Language. Transcripts must be on file and approved by the Admissions Office before a girl can attend Panhellenic Orientation. Girls who were in attendance at Centenary as regular students the previous semester (including summer school) must have maintained a 2.0 average for that semester and must not be on probation. Girls are allowed to participate in formal rush at Centenary only one time.

Summer Rush

Summer rush is defined as activities with any sorority members or alumnae at any time before formal rush — this includes during high school. Because the Centenary Panhellenic Council wants each prospective rushee to enter the fall rush period with an open mind toward all sororities, our Council does not allow summer rush. The following activities are considered to be summer rushing.

1. Rush dates with sorority girls.
2. Attending rush parties given by a sorority.
3. Visiting sorority houses on the Centenary campus unless accompanied by a member of each sorority. They must visit all of the houses. If she wants to see a house again, she must see all three. A prospective rushee may be invited to a bridal shower, etc., which is held at a sorority house if it is in lieu of a private home and if the prospective rushee is a close friend of the honoree.
4. Contacting or being contacted by or on behalf of any sorority members or alumnae.

You may be invited to a function given by the local Panhellenic group in your community. We expect you to attend this party. All sororities will be represented and no rushing will be permitted at this function. The Centenary Panhellenic Council expects all rushees to register with their City Panhellenic Association.

The Panhellenic Council does not wish to interrupt the normal course of longstanding friendships or family relationships, and we encourage you to participate in activities of this nature. However, to insure fairness to all, be careful to abide by these rules at all possible times.

If you have participated in summer rush activities before you receive these regulations, no penalty will be enforced; however, if you violate the rules after you have received this information, then it will be necessary for you to drop out of formal rush for the fall semester. Thank you for your cooperation!

Open Rush

Open rush begins immediately after formal rush ends and lasts through the fall and spring semesters (except for holidays and examinations) for groups which either do not pledge the rush quota or who do not reach the limitation set by Panhellenic. Any girl who has a "C" average and who is a regular student may go through open rush.

Open rush consists of a system of rush dating in which sorority women and rushees may come to know one another better. A Rush date may consist of eight girls, two of whom are rushees, or four girls, one of whom is a rushee. All dates must be "dutch treat".

The sorority will contact the girls it is interested in rushing. Oral bidding or promising of invitations and bids either directly or indirectly by suggestion (including boys) is prohibited. This includes the understanding that no sorority may ask a girl to wait for an opening. Sororities must turn in bids to the Office of the Dean of Women by 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. The Dean of Women will contact the girls who have received bids by 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays. The Dean of Women will notify the Panhellenic Treasurer of the names of the girls who have either signed up for open rush and/or those who have accepted bids in open rush so that they may pay the $2.00 rush fee, if they have not done so already.

Independent women who have at some time been formally associated with a sorority as pledges may attend private parties of the group; no other independent women shall be invited to any private parties except the spring formals to which large numbers of invitations are issued.

If You Do Not Join

We would also like to point out that if you decide not to join a fraternity, you are in no way at a disadvantage on the campus. A great many of the non-fraternity women are among the best-liked and most outstanding students on the campus.

Rules of Rushing

Rush begins Tuesday, September 6, with the Panhellenic Orientation at which time the rules of rush will be explained. Rush ends when bids are issued.

1. Strict silence begins from the time the dormitories open and continues until the end of formal rush, when the rushee returns from the chapter house following the issuance of bids. All rushees are to observe complete silence at all times with all college men and women except for other girls who are participating in Rush Week as rushees. This means that no rushee may receive communication from sorority members or alumnae. This does not prevent the exchange of greetings on campus, however. Nor does it include the official college organizations, such as Maroon Jackets, Dormitory Councils, Choir in rehearsals, Panhellenic Council, and Resident Assistants.

2. All rushees must attend the Panhellenic Orientation and must pay a $2.00 registration fee at that time (Please bring correct change). No individual sorority rushing is permitted at the Orientation.

3. All rushees must pick up invitations to the Invitational and Preferential Parties at the times shown on the schedule in this booklet.

4. All rushees must attend at the designated time all parties to which they are invited, unless asked to three Preferential Parties, in which case they must attend two.

5. Any rushee leaving a party early is to automatically be taken off the Panhellenic Rush List. Each rushee must leave the women's fraternity houses and grounds at the time designated on the Panhellenic party schedule.
6. Only napkins and name tags may be taken as favors from the sorority houses. (This means no candles, flowers or favors.)
7. Rushees may not have any type of party during rush, either in the dormitory or in Shreveport homes.
8. All rush parties must be held on the campus in the lodges during formal rush week.
9. Refreshments at the Open Houses are limited to beverages.
10. Sorority women living with rushees as roommates during formal rush shall move out temporarily under the direction of the Housemother.
11. No transportation may be provided by women's fraternities to any rush party.
12. Fraternity women are not allowed to arrange for social engagements with men for any rushee.
13. Oral bidding or promising of invitations and bids by direct or indirect suggestions by individuals or groups is prohibited during periods of general or strict silences.
14. At choir camp, the wearing of women's fraternity pins, jewelry, and other insignia is prohibited for both choir members and visitors.
15. Alumnae must abide by all rules of rush.
16. Any violation of these regulations is subject to action by the Panhellenic Council.
17. If any girl withdraws from rush, the Panhellenic Council hopes she will refrain from discussing sororities with rushees.

Clothes for Rush

Rushees should not make the mistake of placing too much emphasis on expensive clothing and accessories. Good grooming and appropriateness of dress are the most important points. Hats are not worn to any of the rush activities. Fall cottons and heels make an appropriate ensemble for all of the parties. School clothes may be worn when picking up invitations and bids, and white dresses and white heels should be worn for pledging.

What A Sorority Offers You

An enriched College Education. Association with others of similar ideals will cause you to grow spiritually, intellectually, and socially.

Friendship. From the moment you pledge you belong to a group of girls who are sincerely concerned about **you.** You won't be alone at college. Also, everywhere you go, all through your life, your badge will be a mark of friendship, even before a word is spoken.

Leadership Training. A sorority programs this ability. The members will help you to take part in those activities which interest you. Sorority life teaches both cooperation and acceptance of responsibility as part of leadership development.

Service to Others. Scholarships to further education, philanthropic programs, and community service projects have long been sponsored by national sororities. These activities, developed by members, offer you far wider opportunity through a national organization for personal giving of your interest, time, and means in effective social service.

Fraternal Obligations

When you accept a bid to a fraternity you automatically pledge yourself to meet certain obligations.

a. You promise to meet all financial obligations.

b. You promise to maintain creditable scholarship.

c. You promise to become a contributing member of your fraternity, to share chapter responsibilities and duties, to work for the good of your fraternity and Panhellenic.

d. You promise to be loyal.

e. You promise to abide by the standards of the College and the fraternity in order to meet the qualifications for initiation.

The pleasure of belonging to a national fraternity does not stop with college years, but continues after you leave school through contacts with alumnae groups. Do not forget, however, that the degree of pleasure you derive from fraternity membership will be in direct proportion to what you contribute.

Alpha Xi Delta	Chi Omega	Zeta Tau Alpha
ΑΞΔ	ΧΩ	ΖΤΑ

PREFERENCE STATEMENT

The Centenary Panhellenic Council

I would be pleased to accept an invitation to pledge from any one of the following fraternities from which I have had invitations during rush:

My preferences are (List in order of choice):

1st Preference_____

2nd Preference_____

Read Carefully

I fully understand that if no bid is given me by the fraternity of my first choice, I will be willing to accept my second preference.

I further understand that I cannot change the order of my preferences once they are submitted to Panhellenic. Also I reserve the right to pledge no fraternity if in the end that seems best to me; but if I am bid by one of the fraternities I have listed above and do not accept, then I am ineligible to join any fraternity for one calendar year.

Sample Copy

Signed_____
(Rushee)

ALPHA XI DELTA

Founded: April 17, 1893, at Lombard College, Galesburg, Illinois

Number of College Chapters: 117

Colors: Light blue, dark blue, and gold

Flower: Pink rose

Location of House: 2821 Woodlawn

Principal National Project: In 1958 Alpha Xi Delta turned to work to prevent juvenile delinquency. Support of demonstration programs at Howell Neighborhood House, serving Chicago's underprivileged, is part of the National Project. There is an annual award of a Fellowship for graduate study in social service, and summer work opportunities at Howell House, whereby Alpha Xi Delta collegians can secure training and augment vacation staff. There are local philanthropy projects sponsored by collegiate and alumnae chapters. These projects deal mainly with underprivileged children in Shreveport.

Date of Installation at Centenary: 1931

Officers:

President:	Ginger Rodgers
Vice-President:	Joy Anderson
Corresponding Secretary	Genie Lyles
Recording Secretary:	Barbara Buckner
Treasurer:	Eileen Trichel
Pledge Trainer:	Morey McGonigle
Membership Chairman:	Joy Anderson

Fraternity Fees:

Pledge Fee	$20.00
Pledges Dues (per month)	$ 8.00
Initiation Fee (includes a pin)	$67.50
Active Dues (per month)	$ 8.00

CHI OMEGA

Founded: April 5, 1895, at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Number of College Chapters: 144

Colors: Cardinal and Straw

Flower: White Carnation

Location of Chapter House: 2831 Woodlawn

Principal National Project: Chi Omega's national projects are in the field of education. The service fund publications are the result of research in the social sciences, paid for by Chi Omega and distributed widely in the United States, Europe and South America. The National Achievement Award, presented to women of distinguished accomplishment is sponsored by Chi Omega. Community social and civic service projects are managed by individual collegiate and alumnae chapters. At Centenary the Chi Omegas sponsor a Chinese orphan in Hong Kong and make frequent visits to various convalescent and children's homes.

Date of Installation at Centenary: 1928

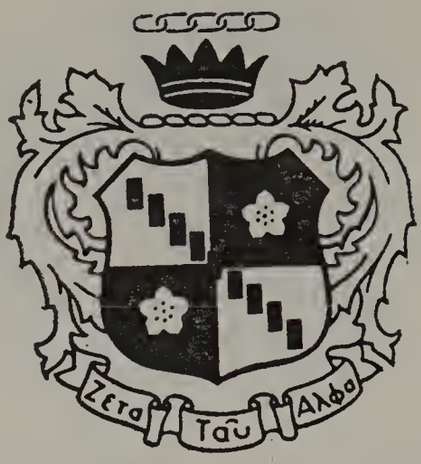
Officers:

President:	Lolly Tindol
Vice-President:	Patty Burnap
Secretary:	Diane Dunn
Treasurer:	Mary Sorrows
Pledge Trainer:	Donna Lou Valliere
Rush Chairman:	Sherry Leopard

Fraternity Fees:

Pledge Fee	$20.00
Pledge Dues (per month)	$ 6.00
Initiation Fee	$67.50
Active Dues (per month)	$ 6.00

ZETA TAU ALPHA



Founded: October 15, 1898, at Longwood College, Farmville, Virginia

Number of College Chapters: 128

Colors: Turquoise blue and steel gray

Flower: White violet

Location of Chapter House: 2807 Woodlawn

Principal National Project: The national philanthropic project of the fraternity is assistance to and work with the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults. In this capacity Zetas all over the United States give of their time, energy, and money.

Date of Installation at Centenary: 1927

Officers:

President:	Sarah Smith
Vice-President:	Adell Baillif
Secretary:	Paula Marshall
Corresponding Secretary:	Betty Hollis
Treasurer:	Marie Junkin
Pledge Trainer:	Adell Baillif
Membership Chairman:	Lynda Douglass

Fraternity Fees:

Pledge Fee	$20.00
Pledge Dues (per month)	$ 7.00
Initiation Fee (includes a pin)	$67.50
Active Dues (per month)	$ 7.00

GLOSSARY

1. RUSHEE . . . A girl who is going to any college with N. P. C. groups who is eligible for Rushing
2. ACTIVE . . . An initiated member of a fraternity who has completed pledgeship and fulfilled initiation rules.
3. ALUMNAE . . . Initiated sorority women who have graduated or withdrawn from the campus.
4. PLEDGE . . . A pledge is a newly invited member of a fraternity who must complete a period of pledge training before she can be initiated.
5. QUOTA . . . The pledge quota for each fraternity is determined in September by the number of girls participating in rush week.
6. LIMITATION . . . The limitation on each chapter at Centenary is 55.
7. FRATERNITY . . . Formally, the name applied to all Greek-letter organizations; informally, applied to men's groups.
8. SORORITY . . . Informally, the name applied to women's groups.
9. LEGACY . . . A girl whose mother or sister has been a member of a fraternity is known as a "legacy" to that fraternity. This may entitle her to special consideration but is not a guarantee of a bid.
10. STRICT SILENCE . . . Complete silence with all men and women except for other girls who are participating in Rush Week as rushees. (see also Page 6)
11. PREFERENCE STATEMENT . . . A blank which the rushee fills in designating the fraternity she would like to join.
12. ORAL BIDDING . . . Verbal promising of invitations or bids by direct or indirect suggestion by individuals or groups.

Tuesday, September 6	Panhellenic Orientation	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Moore Student Center
	Open Houses	7:30 - 8:15 p.m.	Women's Fraternity Lodges
		8:30 - 9:15 p.m.	Women's Fraternity Lodges
		9:30 - 10:15 p.m.	Women's Fraternity Lodges
Wednesday, September 7	Pick up invitations for Invitational Parties	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Office of Dean of Women—AB 22
	Invitational Parties	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Women's Fraternity Lodges
		8:30 - 10:30 p.m.	Women's Fraternity Lodges
Thursday, September 8	Invitational Party	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Women's Fraternity Lodges
Friday, September 9	Pick up invitations for Preference Parties	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Office of Dean of Women—AB 22
	Preference Parties	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Women's Fraternity Lodges
		8:00 - 9:30 p.m.	Women's Fraternity Lodges
Saturday, September 10	Sign Preference Blanks	9:00 a.m.	AB—21
	Bids Issued	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Science Building 114
	Pledging	5:00 p.m.	Women's Fraternity Lodges

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